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Honorable William S. Moorhead, Chairman
Subcommittee on Foreign Operations
and Government Information
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Moorhead:

This is in response to the request set forth in your letter of 3 June 1973 for background information on Federal Government public information personnel. As has been discussed in meeting with your Staff Director, Mr. William G. Phillips, this Agency does not have a public information program. Inquiries received by the Central Intelligence Agency from the press and public are generally handled by an Assistant to the Director.

If further information is desired in this matter, would you please advise.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

W. E. Colby

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June 8, 1973

Honorable William E. Colby
Director-designate
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

As Chairman of the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, I have introduced H. R. 7268 to help solve one of the problems uncovered in the Subcommittee's continuing study of Federal government information problems. The report on the Subcommittee's study (H. Rept. 92-1419) stated:

"A more clearly defined role for public information personnel in the Federal Government and a general uplifting of their status within the bureaucracy are long overdue. Not only could such steps have significant impact on more conscientious administration of the Freedom of Information Act--both the letter and the spirit of the law--but it would also give proper recognition to the legitimate and increasingly necessary role of public information officers as 'the bridge' between faceless government and its citizens."

H. R. 7268 has been sent to you for comment by the House Government Operations Committee. In addition to your specific comments on the legislation, the Subcommittee needs general background information on the Federal government's present public information personnel to help the Congress make decisions on H. R. 7268.

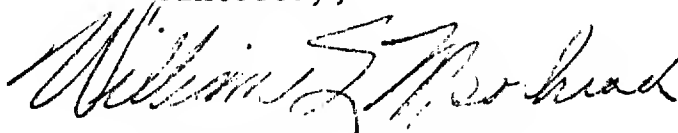
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Please, therefore, have the enclosed questionnaire completed by each of the employees in your agency (including consultants) at the GS-7 level and above who spends a major part of his/her time on public information activities. The information should be provided by the public information employees in every branch, bureau, or constituent unit of the agency. Please send the completed questionnaires to the Subcommittee on or before July 15, 1973.

If you have any questions, contact Staff Director William G. Phillips at 225-3741.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William S. Moorhead".

WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD
Chairman

Enclosure

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
PERSONNEL (INCLUDING CONSULTANTS) AT GS-7 LEVEL AND ABOVE

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

OFFICE: _____
(specify bureau, branch, unit, etc.)

GRADE _____ AND ANNUAL SALARY _____

EDUCATION

HIGHEST LEVEL INSTI-
TUTION ATTENDED: _____

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

PRIVATE WORK EXPERIENCE

List, by dates, the major professional jobs held outside the Federal government, indicating the type of work done if not indicated by job title.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WORK EXPERIENCE

TITLE OF FIRST FEDERAL JOB
AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT: _____

Dates and Titles (plus brief job description if title does not clearly indicate type of work) of all other Federal government employment except current position:

Return by July 15, 1973, to: Foreign Operations & Government
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H. R. 7268

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 1973

Mr. MOORHEAD of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, known as the Freedom of Information Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That section 552 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection;

“(d) (1) The head of each agency shall—

“(A) appoint, without regard to the provisions of this title governing appointments in the competitive service, a chief public information officer;

“(B) except in the case of an agency which is an

executive department, fix the annual rate of pay of such

officer at a rate not to exceed the annual rate of pay as

1 in effect from time to time, of level IV of the Executive
2 Schedule of section 5315 of this title; and

3 “(C) prescribe the duties of such officer, which
4 shall include—

5 “(i) receiving all requests for records made
6 under this section to the agency by which he is
7 employed;

8 “(ii) approving such requests made to such
9 agency, subject to reversal by the head of such
10 agency;

11 “(iii) approving all fees charged by such
12 agency to persons requesting records from such
13 agency under this section, subject to reversal by
14 the head of such agency;

15 “(iv) approving any rules proposed to be pub-
16 lished by such agency under this section, subject
17 to reversal by the head of such agency; and

18 “(v) approving all reports or memoranda which
19 may be required to be submitted to the Congress
20 regarding activities of or expenditures for public
21 information purposes under this section subject to
22 approval by the head of such agency.

23 “(2) The chief public information officer appointed by
24 the head of each agency under paragraph (1) shall be an

25 assistant to such head, and in the case of an agency which

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1 is an executive department, such officer shall be Assistant
2 Secretary of such Executive department.

3 “(3) The head of each agency may appoint and fix the
4 pay of such personnel as necessary to assist the chief public
5 information officer carry out his duties under this subsection.”

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JMM:

The Agency was not included in the list of those from whom comments on the referenced Freedom of Information Act amendments were requested. In meeting with the Committee Staff Director, he agreed in effect that we do not have "government information personnel" and that we would not be providing background information. He requested, however, that if possible the designation of the position where press and public inquiries are handled be stated in our response. Angus Thuermer concurs.

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Honorable William S. Moorhead, Chairman
Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Moorhead:

This is in response to the request set forth in your letter of 8 June 1973 for background information on Federal government information personnel. As has been discussed in meeting with your Staff Director, Mr. William G. Phillips, this Agency ^{does not have a} ~~has no~~ public information functions ~~or responsibilities.~~ ^{program.} Such ^{an} inquiries ~~as are~~ received by the Agency from the press and public are generally handled by ^{an} the Assistant to the Director, ~~as a part of his duty assignment.~~

The nature of the duties of the Central Intelligence Agency required by law and by considerations of national security are such that the Agency does not publicly discuss its activities, its organization, or its personnel. If further information is desired in this matter, would you please advise.

Sincerely,

John M. Maury-
-Legislative Counsel-

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